

**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025-5:00 P.M.

16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**  
Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, and Commissioner DeLeon
  - 2. APPROVE AGENDA**
  - 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting – November 10, 2025
  - 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**
  - 5. TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED**
  - 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS**
    - a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$990.00 (November 2025)
    - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Department Bills, \$57,785.44
    - c. Approval of Prepaid Bills, \$714,762.88
    - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$4,532.00
  - 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 8. ACTION ITEMS**
    - a. CCMH, Mike Bach, Executive Director update
    - b. Remonumentation Peer Group, 2026 Appointments
    - c. Baraga County Extended Care Corp., Appointments
    - d. Veterans' Affairs Committee, Appointments
    - e. Emergency Manager/911 Director, Update
    - f. Courthouse/Grounds, Elevator Project (LATCF)
    - g. Courthouse/Grounds, Security Camera Upgrade (Courthouse)
  - 9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
  - 10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
    - BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
    - Annual Meeting Schedule - 2026
  - 11. RESOLUTIONS**
  - 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
  - 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - 14. ADJOURNMENT**



18341 US Hwy 41 L'Anse, MI 49946

906-524-3300 [www.bcmh.org](http://www.bcmh.org)

### **Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - November 2025**

#### **Monthly Stipend:**

Shirley Younggren	\$100.00
Jim Loman	\$100.00
Carole LaPointe	\$100.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$ 0.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$100.00
Kate Beer	\$100.00
Burt Mason	\$100.00

#### **Board Briefing of 11-13-2025:**

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$ 0.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

#### **Med Control Authority Mtg: none**

Shirley Younggren	\$ 0.00
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#### **Regular Board Meeting of 11-18-2025:**

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00



Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank SNB01 BUSINESS CHECKING				
11/13/2025	15698	AMERICAN LEGION POST #144	BCVA: VETERANS DAY DINNER/DANCE 2025	1,500.00
11/13/2025	15699	BARAGA CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCREMOM: ADMIN FEES 1-4TH QTR 2025	1,574.00
11/13/2025	15700	BARAGA CO. REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCTREAS: FILING CERTS OF FORFEITURES TY2	180.00
11/13/2025	15701	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	BCPA: 44546-1 NOV 2025	224.31
11/13/2025	15702	BRANDON JUNTUNEN	BC: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	117.00
11/13/2025	15703	GERALD W. CARLSON	BC: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	173.00
11/13/2025	15704	CHRIS NIELSEN	BC: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	111.40
11/13/2025	15705	DAVID HAANPAA	BCVA: DVA MEETING 11/6/2025	49.60
11/13/2025	15706	JAMES PHILIP DOUGOVITO	BCVA: DVA MEETING 11/6/2025	30.28
11/13/2025	15707	HEATHER TAPANI	BCPC: MENTORSHIP, CASE, MTG 10/27-11/7/25	975.00
11/13/2025	15708	LANCE THOMAS HEIKKINEN	BCVA: DVA MEETING 11/6/2025	36.16
11/13/2025	15709	HEIN SURVEYING	BC: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	142.00
11/13/2025	15710	JUSTIN M KOIVU	BCVA: CORE BASIC HOODIES X 2	183.56
11/13/2025	15711	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCTREAS: 2025 SET SUMMER TAX DISBURSEMEN	565,703.30
11/13/2025	15712	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCEQUAL: MCAO CERTIFICATION 2026 R BEMIS	525.00
11/13/2025	15713	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCPC: FEES OCTOBER 2025	201.00
11/13/2025	15714	STEVE LECLAIRE	BC: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	110.00
11/13/2025	15715	SCOTT SWANSON -- REMON	BCREMOM: GRANT REP DUTIES 1-4TH QTR 2025	3,625.00
11/13/2025	15716	SCOTT SWANSON -- REMON	BCREMOM: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	75.00
11/13/2025	15717	THOMAS BROWN	BCVA: DVA MEETING 11/6/2025	30.56
11/13/2025	15718	TODD SCHNEIDER	BCVA: NACVSO DUES PY2026	50.00
11/13/2025	15719	U.P. ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS	BCREMOM: 05348 2025 SURVEY REMON 9/28-11	15,702.60
11/13/2025	15720	U.S. POSTMASTER	BCPC: STAMPS ROLL X 6	468.00
11/13/2025	15721	JEFF WEST	BC: REMON MEETING 11/12/2025	29,591.47
11/18/2025	80(E)	WESTERN MI HEALTH INS POOL TRUST	WMHIP INSURANCE POOL 2025 DECEMBER	138.00
11/20/2025	15722	BARAGA CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCREMOM: LCRC RECORDING GERALD CARLSON	150.00
11/20/2025	15723	CLARK HILL P.L.C.	BCTREAS: 041301 0401176 GRAINGER WD	1,008.50
11/20/2025	15724	COUNTY OF KENT	BCTREAS: VC011359 WAYSIDE CHURCH VS VAN	6,501.00
11/20/2025	15725	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	BC: 7881 9/30-10/28/2025 OCT 2025	1,460.42
11/20/2025	15726	HONORABLE FRASER T STROME	BCPC: TRAVEL 25-7449 PP 10/30/25	46.20
11/20/2025	15727	LARRY PARKS	BCVA: BURIAL ALLOWANCE VETERAN D L DENOM	300.00
11/20/2025	15728	LAUREN M. LETTO	BCPC: 25-1523,25-1512,24-1498,23-1499,25	3,890.00
11/20/2025	15729	MI CO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND	BC:N023 2026 1ST QTR WORKER'S COMP	10,333.49
11/20/2025	15730	MICHIGAN PROBATE JUDGE'S ASSOC	BCPC: MPJA DUES 2025-2026	425.00
11/20/2025	15731	TITLE CHECK, LLC	BCTREAS: PARCEL ADMIN FEE 2023 TAX FORFE	487.50
11/25/2025	81(E)	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RET SYS	BC: MERS FLAT RATE NOV 2025	15,105.59
11/25/2025	15742	BRANDON THOMAS RICKARD	BCPC: 25-8441 MI 11/13/2025	150.00
11/25/2025	15743	CHERYL MILLIS	BC: DHHS MEETING 11/18/2025	48.00
11/25/2025	15744	CHN SURVEYING LLC	BC:REMON 2025 BC CORNERS 60%	16,415.79
11/25/2025	15745	COPPER SHORES COMMUNITY HEALTH	BC: UPSET RESTITUTION 23-1717FH STATE V	100.00
11/25/2025	15746	DELTA DENTAL	BC: 0027630001 EMP. DENTAL INS. DEC 2025	2,446.69
11/25/2025	15747	HEATHER TAPANI	BCPC: 11/10-11/21/25 EMAILS/FOLLOW UP CH	825.00
11/25/2025	15748	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	BCVA: IMPRINT ON 2 SUPPLIED HOODIES	80.00
11/25/2025	15749	MCSSA	BCTREAS: 2025-2026 MCSSA ANNUAL DUES	631.00
11/25/2025	15750	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	BC: G000BRJ 0001 DEC 2025	65.24
11/25/2025	15751	NOVIA M NICHOLS	BCPC: 25-8439 MI 11/10/2025	100.00
11/25/2025	15752	SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY	BC: ADMIN, JAIL, CTHOUSE 10/14-11/13/25	839.16
11/25/2025	15753	SUE WILSON	BC: DHHS MEETING 11/18/2025	30.00
11/25/2025	15754	TESSA GILBERTSON	BCPC: TRAVE FOR CEO RECORDING TEST NOV 2	712.00
11/25/2025	15755	VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION INS: BC 30093187 3532276/3532278	439.91
12/04/2025	15756	AT & T MOBILITY	BCSD: 287314012733 NOV 2025	211.95
12/04/2025	15757	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	COUNTY WIDE PHONE BILLING DEC 2025	1,202.24
12/04/2025	15758	FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC	BCROD: 2601304 APEX SERVICE 11/2025-10/2	2,300.67
12/04/2025	15759	HOUGABOOM LAW PLC	BCPC: 25-1523 NA 10/8/2025	1,195.00
12/04/2025	15760	L'ANSE VILLAGE TREASURER	BCDC: COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025	34.65
12/04/2025	15761	MICHIGAN ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION	BCEQUAL: MEMBERSHIP DUES MAA 2026 E ANDE	190.00
12/04/2025	15762	MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE	BCCLERK: NOTARIES FOR NOVEMBER 2025	2.00

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12/04/2025	15763	PAT'S FOODS	BCVA: 5245454 VET ASSIST DAVID RIMER 11/	395.12
12/04/2025	15764	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCROD: FEES FOR NOVEMBER 2025	18,300.00
12/04/2025	15765	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCDC: FEES FOR NOVEMBER 2025	2,893.13
12/04/2025	15766	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCCC: NOVEMBER FEES 2025	610.00
12/04/2025	15767	CASH SNB	BC: PETTYCASH DEC 2025	100.87
12/04/2025	15768	VILLAGE OF L'ANSE	BC: ADMIN, CTHOUSE, JAIL 10/15-11/18/202	3,200.52

SNB01 TOTALS:

Total of 63 Checks:  
Less 0 Void Checks:  
Total of 63 Disbursements:

714,742.88  
0.00  
714,742.88

## Checks Written 11/1/2025 to 11/30/2025

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2789	11/1/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2790	11/4/2025		Sellar Services	\$91.45
2791	11/5/2025		Remy Battery Co. Inc	\$251.76
2792	11/10/2025		Stellar Services	\$655.18
2793	11/10/2025		Pepsi Cola Of Houghton	\$1140.60
2794	11/10/2025		Pats Foods	\$181.30
2795	11/17/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$100.00
2796	11/17/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$100.00
2797	11/19/2025		12th Circuit Court	\$500.00
2798	11/21/2025	4089	BRANDON AVERILL LAMSON	\$185.00
2799	11/21/2025	4053	TIMOTHY ROBERT SUPANICH	\$29.96
2800	11/25/2025		Quill LLC	\$93.37
2801	11/25/2025		Setllar Services	\$266.74
2802	11/25/2025		Baraga County Treasurer	\$636.64
				<hr/> <hr/> \$4532.00

# COPPER COUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## FY25 ACCESS REVIEW



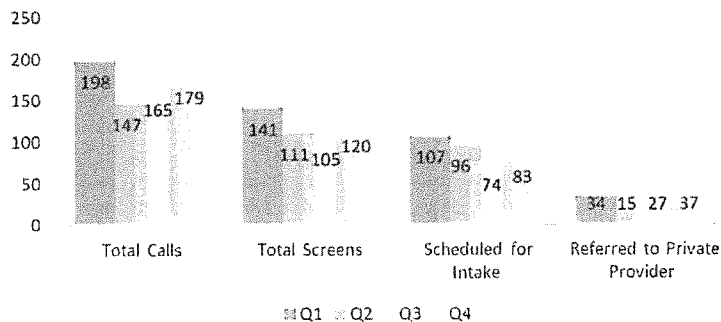
October 1, 2024 thru September 30th, 2025

**689** *Total*  
*Calls*

**212** *Info*  
*Only Calls*

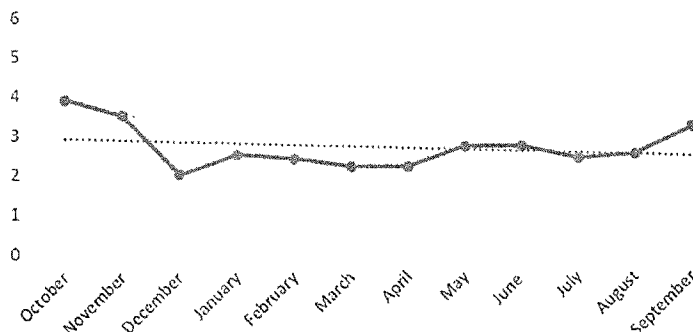
**477** *Access*  
*Screens Completed*

FY25 Total Calls and Outcomes -  
By Quarter



**113** *Referred*  
*To Outside*  
*Providers*

FY25 Average Number of Access Calls per Day-  
By Month



**360** *Scheduled*  
*for Intakes*



# Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization

**Why is a person admitted to an inpatient unit?** People admitted must meet certain criteria, such as imminent risk of harm to self or others due to a mental illness, or being so disorganized they cannot care for themselves.

**Where are these located?** There are two inpatient units for adults located in the U.P. There are about two dozen units located downstate, some of which admit children.

**What happens when a person is admitted to one of these units?** Most people are in the unit for a week or

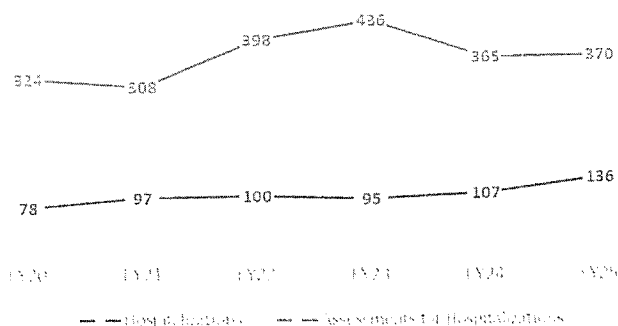
less. The main goal of admission is to stabilize the person's symptoms through medications enough to return them to the community for follow-up with an outpatient treatment provider.

**Why does it sometimes take days or weeks to get someone from the emergency room to an inpatient unit?** CCMH makes the decision whether to hospitalize a person or safety plan them back home within three hours of the time we are contacted by the emergency room. However, psychiatric units do not have to accept patients for whom we request admission. They can deny our request for any reason. The most common reasons they give us are listed below.

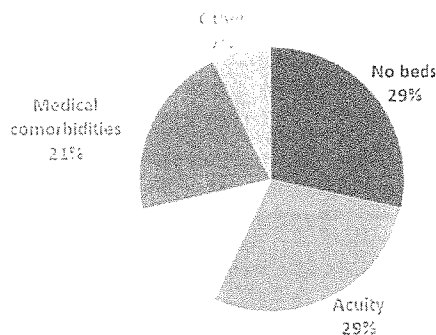
Below is data from **October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025** on multi-day hospital stays.

**Multi-Day Stay is defined as the person staying in the emergency room for two or more days.**

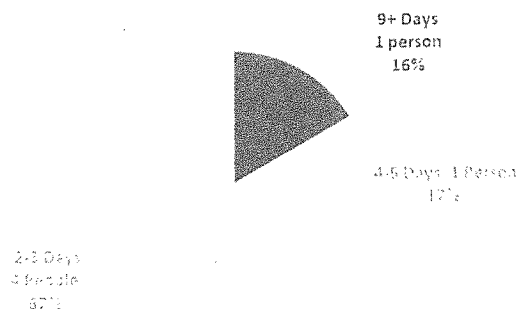
Total Hospitalizations and Assessments  
by Fiscal Year



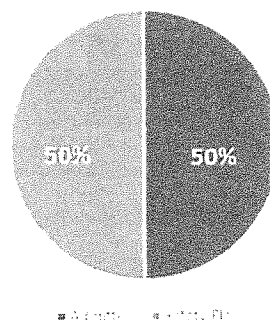
FY25 REASONS FOR LENGTH OF STAY  
MORE THAN 1 REASON MAY APPLY



FY25 Wait Time to Discharge from ER  
6 Individuals



FY25 Multi-Day ER Stays Outcome -  
6 individuals



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# Psychiatric Hospitalization Transportation

**Why does local law enforcement have to transport people to these hospitals?** Michigan law is very detailed regarding involuntary psychiatric admission, and it describes the process for transporting patients to inpatient units.



**What is the difference between a voluntary and involuntary psychiatric hospitalization?**

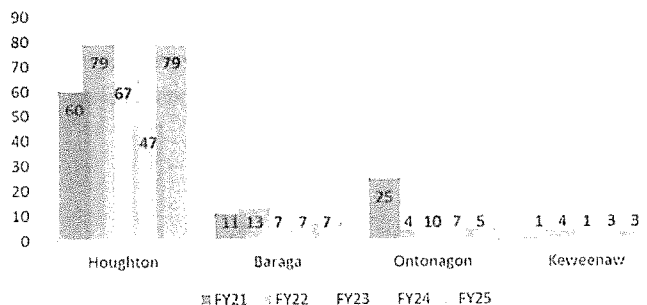
**Voluntary:** An individual understands their need for treatment and/or are amenable to recommended inpatient care.

**Involuntary:** An individual does not understand their need for treatment, and this requires court involvement to temporarily suspend a person's legal right to freedom of movement to ensure necessary treatment steps.

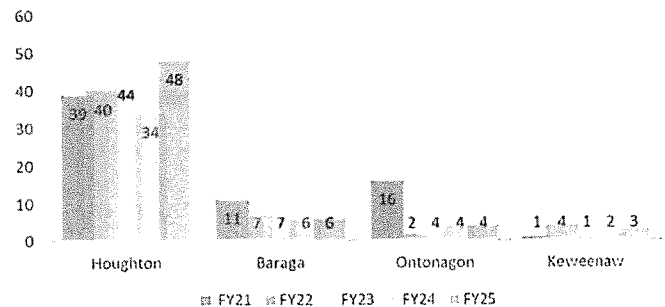
**What does CCMH pay for in relationship to inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations?** CCMH is responsible for the daily rate for each day that an individual is hospitalized. CCMH also pays for the clinician to complete the assessment and bed search.

*The transport data below was provided by the County Sheriff Offices.*

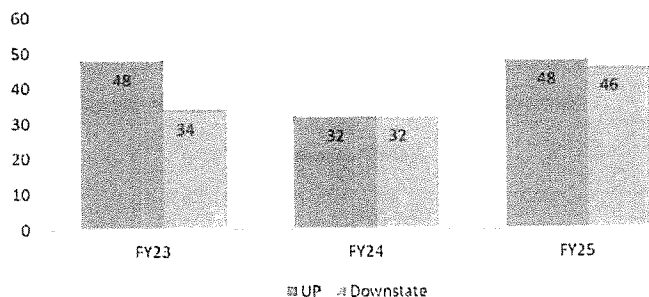
Fiscal Year County Comparision of Law Enforcement Transports for All Individuals



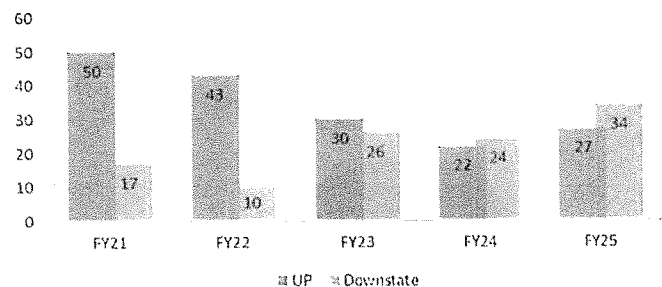
Fiscal Year County Comparision of Law Enforcement Transports for CCMH Individuals



Law Enforcement UP vs. Downstate Transports by Fiscal Year - All CCMH Counties for All Individuals



Law Enforcement UP vs. Downstate Transports by Fiscal Year - CMH Transports only



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**Baraga County Remonumentation  
Peer Group  
2026**

Pursuant to MCL 54.269b: appointed on December 8, 2025

Scott Swanson  
Baraga County Road Commission  
US 41  
L'Anse, MI 49946

Steven Hein  
Hein Surveying  
57486 Mine ST.  
Calumet, MI 49913

Joe Foster  
Crampton Surveying Inc.  
PO Box 206  
Hubbell, MI 49934

Gerald Carlson  
964 S. M-553  
Gwinn, MI 49841

Jeff West  
UP Engineers & Architect  
100 Portage St.  
Houghton, MI 49931

Kyle T. Hiltunen  
Hiltunen Land Surveying  
54537 Pontiac Road  
Hancock, MI 49930

Chris Nielson  
CHN Surveying  
19582 McKinley Street  
Hancock, MI 49930

Brandon Juntunen  
Michigan DNR  
Baraga, MI 49908

Steve LeClaire  
GeoServices  
23187 Lake Street  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Thad Goodwin  
North Country Surveying  
554 Little Lake Road  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-250-3148



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November 13th, 2025

Ms. Wendy Goodreau  
Baraga County Clerk  
Baraga County Clerk's Office  
2 S. Main St.  
L'Anse, MI 49946

Dear Ms. Goodreau,

The Baraga County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees would like to submit to the Baraga County Board of Commissioners the following names for reappointment to the Baraga County Extended Care Corporation (BCECC) Board of Trustees.

#### BCECC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NAME	SEAT HELD	TERM
Michael Koskinen	President	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028
Carla Engle	Vice President	January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027
Deanna Foucalt	Treasurer	January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027
Kathy Hokenson	Secretary	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026
Shirley Younggren (BCMh)	Trustee	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026
Carole LaPointe (BCMh)	Trustee	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028
Carole Hokkanen	Trustee	January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027
Rob Stowe	Ex Officio	
Gail Jestila	Ex Officio	

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Beer  
Board of Trustees, Chairperson

CB/lmb

THE AMERICAN LEGION

WM. McGLUE POST NO.144



115 N. FRONT STREET  
L'ANSE, MICHIGAN 49946  
906-524-7746

To: Wendy Goodreau  
Baraga County Clerk

On behalf of the American Legion Post 144, I would like to recommend Randy Labodda to the Veteran Affairs Board as a replacement for Tom Brown.

American Legion Post 144 Commander,  
Dan Larson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Larson', is written below the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

# Penokie Electric

INVOICE #8836

701 E Broad St, L'Anse, MI 49946

Phone 906 524-7424 Cell 906 201-0182 Email James@penokie.net

Customer

Baraga County Court House

16 N 3RD ST

L'Anse, MI 49946

Phone

Fax

Invoice Date 12/1/2025

Sales Person James

P.O. #

Job	Payment Due	Payment Terms
Elevator job		

Service			Line Total
- Labor Reg			\$7,020.00
- Labor Reg			\$0.00
Product	Qty	Unit Price	Line Total
misc	1	\$2,497.00	\$2,497.00

Services Total	\$7,020.00
Products Total	\$2,497.00
Taxes	\$0.00
<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>\$9,517.00</b>

**Thank you for your business**

***PENOKIE ELECTRIC***  
***701 E Broad ST L'ANSE MI 49946***  
***Cell 906 201 0182***

Baraga County Court House Elevator Electrical Up Grades

3/29/2025

Quote of \$13,230.00

Includes

- Add earth ground to elevator disconnect switch
- Install wiring for fire alarm
- Replace lighting in pit and elevator room
- Replace outlets in pit and control room with GFCI
- Wire up new controller
- Replace 100 amp disconnect switch with new 100 amp with auxiliary contacts
- Add disconnect switch for lighting
- Fire alarm equipment and hook up by Superiorland Electronics, Inc.
- Includes program and testing, Also includes second trip for elevator inspector

Does not include

- Emergency telephone
- Sump Pump or wiring for sump pump – unsure if required
- Fire alarm equipment or hook up

James Penokie

Superiorland Electronics Inc.  
1595 Aspen Drive  
Ishpeming, MI 49849  
billing@superiorlandelectronics.com

## Invoice

**BILL TO**

Baraga County Courthouse  
16 N 3rd St  
L'Anse, MI 49946

**SHIP TO**

Baraga County Courthouse  
16 N 3rd St  
L'Anse, MI 49946

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
32409	11/19/2025	\$3,711.61	12/19/2025	Net 30	

**P.O. NUMBER**

Jim Penokie

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
11/18/2025	<b>Labor</b>	Terminate , program, test, meet inspector elevator smokes	1	1,700.00	1,700.00
	<b>Materials</b>	1o54 control panel, smokes, relays- - Includes tariff	1	1,936.61	1,936.61
	<b>Freight</b>	Freight	1	75.00	75.00

SUBTOTAL	3,711.61
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	3,711.61
BALANCE DUE	<b>\$3,711.61</b>

Please note our new street address:  
1595 Aspen Drive, Ishpeming, MI 49849

Baraga Telephone Company  
204 State Street  
P.O. Box 9  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906)353-6644  
(906)353-7550 Fax

## Sales Quote

Customer Number: 880-0043

Quote Number: QO-2105

Date: 9/19/2025

Bill Number:

**Bill To:**

Baraga County Clerk  
2 S. Main St.  
Attn: Wendy Goodreau  
L'Anse, MI 49946

**Ship To:**

Baraga County Courthouse  
Attn: Wendy Goodreau  
16N 3rd St  
Lanse, MI 49946

Ship Via	Terms	Due Date	Salesperson	Customer PO
Deliver	Upon Receipt	9/19/2025		

Item No	Quantity	Product Description	Tax	Sales Price	Total
Replace existing door access control system.					
	1.00	Ubiquiti Enterprise Access Hub	NO TAX	1,050.00	1,050.00
	6.00	Ubiquiti Reader G3	NO TAX	160.00	960.00
	2.00	Ubiquiti G6 Entry w/ Junction Box	NO TAX	400.00	800.00
	3.00	Ubiquiti Intercom Viewer w/ Stand	NO TAX	230.00	690.00
	1.00	Ubiquiti Network Video Recorder w/ 8TB Hard Drive	NO TAX	500.00	500.00
	2.00	UniFi G6 Bullet Camera (Outdoor)	NO TAX	200.00	400.00
	2.00	UnFi G5 Dome Camera (Indoor)	NO TAX	200.00	400.00
	2.00	Bosch DS150i Request-to-Exit Detectors	NO TAX	160.00	320.00
	1.00	UniFi Access Cards	NO TAX	30.00	30.00
	1.00	Labor	NO TAX	1,020.00	1,020.00

This quote is valid for 30 days.

Freight: 0.00

Total Tax: 0.00

Total: 6,170.00

**Thank you for your business!**

STATE OF MICHIGAN



BARAGA COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TIMOTHY S. BRENNAN

PROBATE JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE in DISTRICT COURT  
& FAMILY DIVISION of 12th CIRCUIT COURT  
CHIEF JUDGE 12th CIRCUIT COURT

COURTHOUSE  
16 N. Third Street  
L'ANSE, MICHIGAN 49946

(906) 524-6390  
FAX (906) 524-2052  
probatect@baragacounty.org

MADELINE R. BARNETT  
PROBATE & JUVENILE REGISTER

DAWN M. HOWE  
JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER/CASEWORKER

KRISTIN N. FRAK  
DEPUTY PROBATE/JUVENILE REGISTER

05/12/2025

To: Baraga County Board of Commissioners

From: Security Committee

Re: Security

Dear Commissioners,

The Security Committee has been meeting quarterly for quite some time now and has the following recommendations for improved courthouse security:

Option A

1. The hiring of Security Officer(s) for the Courthouse, stationed at the public entrance;
2. Purchase a walk through magnetometer stand and station it at the public entrance;
3. Purchase of a wand magnetometer for the Security Officers use.

Option B

1. Replace the office doors on the first floor and caseworker's door on the second floor with secure doors and frames;
2. Install cameras on those doors and on the Judge's Chambers on the 2nd floor, basement, and District Court entrance in the basement. This system must be live at all times during the Court day and monitored live within the office;
3. Public doors to be secured until a visitor is admitted by remote signal with a live camera on the outer door.

Installation of panic buttons should be considered under either option. Priority should be given to the live camera, on the public door, monitored in the Probate & Family Court Office and the District Court Office with the ability to open the door remotely.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Timothy S. Brennan'.

# MINUTES:

## BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

*Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 5:00 PM - BCMH Main Conference Room (ABCD)*

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**Present:** Jayne Walbridge, Cathy Wadaga, Shirley Younggren, Carole LaPointe, Burt Mason, Jim Loman, Kate Beer

**Admin/Guests:** Rob Stowe, Tom VanEss, Gail Jestila, Emily Dault, Sue Ingram, Charlie Anderson, Gregg Fisher, Bill Menge

**Absent:** None

### 1. Call to Order – Beer

Ms. Beer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Consent Agenda \*\* - All

Motion: Mason, Second: LaPointe - All in favor, motion carried.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board Briefing of September 11th, 2025\*
- b. Closed Session of September 11th, 2025\*
- c. Board of Trustees Meeting of September 16th, 2025\*
- d. Special Board Meeting of September 29th, 2025\*

### 4. Medical Staff –Beer

- a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of September 10th, 2025\*\*

Motion: Younggren, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Medical-Dental Staff Executive & Credentials Committee

- i. Medical Staff Appointments, Reappointments, and Deletions of October 2025\*\* - Belpedio

Motion: Wadaga, Second: Younggren - All in favor, motion carried.

### 5. Financial Update - Jestila

Ms. Jestila reviewed the September financials with the Board. Revenue totaled \$56.6 million, the highest on record, with \$5.7 million for the month of September. The previous best month ever was July 2026 with \$5.5 million for the month. Expenses were \$33.1 million, resulting in a \$2.3 million profit on draft with eight days remaining in the reporting period.

Bayside Village approved its budget at last night's meeting. While there was a loss for the month, the year-to-date profit is \$656,943 prior to final entries.

*Consent Agenda Item \**

*Action Item \*\**

*To be distributed at meeting \*\*\**

## **6. Budget Approval - Jestila**

Ms. Jestila presented the Bayside Village and BCMH budgets for approval.

For Bayside Village, the budget projects a 2.3 percent net income totaling \$165,248, with an average daily census of 57.3 patients and an occupancy capacity of 59 beds. The budget was updated to reflect lower reimbursement rates and includes a price increase to \$386 effective November 1, which remains significantly below market.

A motion was made by Wadaga and seconded by LaPointe to approve the Bayside Village budget. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

For BCMH, the budget includes planning for a large increase with a projected 2.48 percent net income on total operating income. Significant capital adjustments have already been made. The inpatient census is projected at 3.4, swing bed census at 2.5, and emergency room volume just under 13 patients per day. Gross revenue is budgeted at \$67.7 million, representing a 20 percent increase, with a 3.9 percent overall charge increase. Expenses are projected at \$39 million, an 18 percent increase, with operating expenses at \$3.3 million month per month. Salaries total \$18 million, which includes raises at the 50th percentile and bonuses. Benefits are budgeted just over \$5 million, and depreciation is \$2.2 million. The budget reflects a net income of \$1.1 million and a decrease in cash of \$1.6 million.

A resolution was presented requesting approval of a balanced budget with a net income of \$1.1 million. A motion was made by Loman and seconded by Mason to approve the 2026 fiscal year budget. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

## **7. Bayside Update - Stowe/Dault**

See above budget discussion.

## **8. Oracle Update - Stowe**

Mr. Stowe reported that the Oracle implementation remains on track. Weekly meetings are being held, and the team is submitting its first data requests.

## **9. Wound Care Update - Peltola**

Mr. Stowe provided the Wound Care update in Mr. Peltola's absence. Installation of the hyperbaric chamber remains on schedule for the second week of November. Outreach is underway with local providers, and Healogics team members are onsite this week.

## **10. Mayo Telestroke Update - Engle**

Mr. Stowe reported that the Mayo Telestroke program was utilized 13 times in the first two weeks. Feedback from the Emergency Department has been very positive.

## **11. Transportation Program Update - Fisher**

Mr. Fisher stated that the Transportation Program is providing rides five days per week, with occasional weekend trips. The program averages three rides per day and already has 12 scheduled for this week. The wheelchair-accessible van is being wrapped, insurance coverage is finalized, and the program is going very well.

Mr. Fisher introduced Charlie Anderson, the new Rehabilitation Manager, who will oversee therapies. He also provided a housing update, stating that all windows are being replaced, with plans to update the siding next year. There are currently five staff members rotating in and out of the house, and things are going very well.

## **12. Physician Group Update - Van Ess**

Van Ess reported that a contract has been offered to a cardiologist, and the team is awaiting his decision. Peyton Holma, PA, will take her boards in early November and begin at the end of the month.

Dr. McBride has begun performing scopes at the Upper Peninsula Surgery Center in Marquette. DaVinci sterilization supplies are expected to arrive in December.

A Hologic demonstration was held as BCMH explores performing mastectomies onsite. Additional cases are expected once Dr. Menge joins the team.

## **13. Quality Update –Peltola**

Mr. Stowe reported that Pam Dove successfully completed recertification for her area with zero deficiencies.

## **14. Management Update (attached)**

- a. CEO Report\*: Marketing, Employee Recognition, Home Care and Hospice, Corporate Compliance, Senior Life Solutions, Human Resources, Pharmacy
- b. CFO Report\*: Finance, Revenue Cycle, Purchasing, Information Technology, DME
- c. DON Report\*: Acute, Emergency, Surgical Services, Ambulatory, Social Services, Utilization Review/Infection Prevention, Education
- d. Director of Provider Services Report\*: Physician Group, Telemedicine, Specialty Clinic
- e. Director of Ancillary Services Report\*: Imaging, Laboratory, Therapies
- f. Director of Quality Management Report\*: Maintenance, Housekeeping, Dietary/Dietician, HIPAA/Risk

## **15. Other:**

Mr. Stowe reported that a meeting was held last Friday with the health insurance broker. Preliminary discussions indicate that BCMH may be eligible to join the same insurance pool as Baraga County employees, a self-insurance pool for municipalities in Michigan. This should result in reduced costs for both the facility and employees.

Ms. Jestila reported that the CFO from Schoolcraft visited last Friday for a tour of the hospital and was very impressed with the facility.

## **15a. BCECC Reappointments – Resolution Request**

Mr. Stowe requested that the Board adopt a resolution requesting the Baraga County Board of Commissioners reappoint the BCECC Board of Trustees as listed in *Attachment A*.

A motion was made by Mason and seconded by Wadaga to approve the resolution requesting the Baraga County Board of Commissioners reappoint the BCECC Board of Trustees as listed in *Attachment A*. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**16. Public Comment:**

Mr. Menge shared that Kelly Engle recently gave a good talk on mental health at the UPCAP meeting. The State is passionate about doing something for mental health.

**17. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18th, 2025 5:00pm –BCMh Main Conference Room**

**18. Adjournment – Beer**

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Motion: Younggren, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carole LaPointe, Secretary CL/lmb

**ABOUT BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:** BCMH is a 15 bed critical access hospital. Founded in 1952, BCMH is a thriving rural healthcare system focused on addressing the needs of community members of Baraga County. Employing over 200 people, BCMH houses a family medicine clinic, walk-in convenient care clinic, specialty clinics, surgical services, 24/7 emergency services, imaging, rehab, laboratory, and social services.

**MISSION:** BCMH partners with patients to educate, coordinate, treat, and manage the health of the community.

**VISION:** To improve the well-being of the community.

**CORE VALUES:** PREACT- Patients First, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Compassion, Teamwork

**ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY:** BCMH educates the community, coordinates care, and treats and manages disease.

## **2026 Regular Meeting Schedule**

All Meetings Held in the Circuit Courtroom of the Baraga County Courthouse,  
16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, Michigan at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

January 12, 2026 (Organizational Meeting)
February 9, 2026
March 9, 2026
April 14, 2026
May 11, 2026
June 8, 2026
July 13, 2026
August 10, 2026
September 14, 2026
October 13, 2026
November 9, 2026
December 14, 2026

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